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RE: Utility Patent Application # 10/734,891 Speargun Open Muzzle Band Elevator

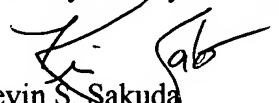
Dear Inspector Ricci,

Thank-you for your time in reviewing this very important patent application. This letter has been written to inform the patent office that I, the inventor, disagree with your findings that patent application ## 10/734,891 for a Speargun Open Muzzle Band Elevator is not a new or original invention.

From the information that was provided by your office and through further research I firmly believe that my invention the Speargun Open Muzzle Band Elevator is an original invention or configuration. Although previous patents have been issued by the office for Speargun Band Elevators and similar inventions none has incorporated such configurations into an "Open Muzzle" style speargun muzzle. This incorporation of the Speargun Band Elevators into an open muzzle style speargun is unique, novel, and new and has been made possible through resin casting techniques that were not available until recently.

Therefore please review patent application ## 10/734,891 for a Speargun Open Muzzle Band Elevator as the claim regarding the open muzzle configuration was not adequately addressed.

I thank-you for your time,


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